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Spring 2019

The newsletter is
in **color** on the website and Facebook.



A solitary boater enjoys a peaceful sunset cruise.

Annual meeting, weed control update

The annual Hardwood Lake Property owners Association meeting will be held Saturday, July 6, 2019. The 9:00 AM meeting will be held at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55. On the agenda will be the election of President and four directors. They are elected during the odd years.

Kevin Ohlrogge is the current President while George McClain, Dan Joseph, Sandra Schafer

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Lake Association continued

and Sue Young currently serve as Directors.

The lake weed control program continues. This will be the third year of the current four year program.

Every Spring Paul Hausler, from Progressive Engineering, completes a survey of the lake weeds and schedules a treatment program for the year. The survey was much later than in past years because of the cool spring.

The treatment program will remain similar to past years with periodic treatment of invasive weeds. There may be some weed harvesting but as this is written it is too early to decide.

There was no algae treatment before Memorial Day weekend because of cold water. Algae treatments are planned before July 4 and Labor Day and as needed dependent on algae growth.

Paul makes periodic lake inspections to determine how effective treatments are. If you are finding an abundance of weeds contact Lake Board Representative, Dave Sommers.

Part of the project was to try to determine where the water was coming from that fills the lake and to determine if there was any

contaminants that might be contributing to the weed growth, especially algae. Progressive has taken water samples this spring and is analyzing the results.

Dust control applications are planned before the three summer holidays. This is done by the Ogemaw County Road Commission

Tax snafu

In the Summer of 2016 the Hardwood Lake Board held a public hearing of determination to continue the lake weed control project and set property tax assessments.

The lakefront assessment was raised from \$185.60 to \$344.00 (\$158.36 increase) per year and back lots were raised from \$92.82 to \$172.00 (\$79.18 increase) per year.

These assessments were to be included in the winter 2016 tax bill. Due to an oversight this increase was not included in the Logan Township tax bills. It was also not included in 2017 and 2018. Logan Township is on the North side of Hardwood Heights Road. About 30 land owners are affected.

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Condolences

We regret to report that lake resident Bob Reed passed away January 17, 2019.

Bob loved to stop and chat with everyone as he rode his ATV or while walking around the lake or in his boat.

Bob attended our annual meetings and offered his opinions and suggestions to improve the lake. His wave and smile will be missed

Condolences to his wife Jill and his family.

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Shortly after the December 2018 bills were sent out the mistake was discovered when a resident questioned the amount of the assessment. Logan Township property owners were then re-billed for the correct amount.

The amount that was under-billed in 2016 and 2017 will be added to the 2019 and 2020 winter tax bills.

This does NOT affect property owners in Richland Township.

Kids at play signs

Over the years several members have expressed concern over the speed of some vehicles on Hardwood Heights especially on busy summer weekends. Children play in the yards, and as children tend to do, may not pay attention when crossing the road.

The Association purchased several small signs, right, similar in size to what is seen at election time, to be placed near the road.

Hopefully this will remind drivers to slow down and make it safe. They should be used as needed, not intended to stay up all summer.

Contact Vice President, Clay Dees for information and a sign.



Upcoming events

The lake association is promoting several events for residents to meet and socialize with others around the lake.

If you have ideas or would like to take a leadership role contact Kevin Ohlrogge. Planned events for 2019 are:

- **June 29, 2019** 7:00 PM Gathering for ice cream, provided by HLPOA, at the shallow area near the boat launch.

- **July 4, 2019** 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Add a flag and/or decorate your boat of any kind to join an informal boat parade around the lake.

- **July 6, 2019** 9:00 AM Lake Association meeting

- **July 27, 2019** 9:00 AM Kayak the Lake. Meet at the shallow area near the boat launch.

- **August 17, 2019** 7:00 PM Bring a desert to the gathering at the shallow area near the boat launch.

To help keep lake residents up-to-date on happenings around Hardwood Lake, the lake association asked Brian and Sandy Schafer to create a Facebook group. Search for: Hardwood Lake. It is a closed group meaning you have to ask to be invited to join. Contact Brian or Sandy at brsakala@gmail.com



An advertisement for Swanson's Excavating, Inc. The background is a photograph of a yellow CASE excavator working on a dirt site. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, in a red banner, is "SWANSON'S EXCAVATING, INC." in white. Below that, on the left, is a list of services: "Fill Sand", "Road Gravels", "Stones", "Top Soil". On the right, another list: "Backhoe", "Cement Work", "Demolition", "Dozing", "Dump Trucking", "Septic Systems". In the center, it says "Ed Swanson", "Corey & Rick", and "swansonexc@frontier.com". At the bottom, it provides the address "2733 Greenwood Road", "Prescott, MI 48756", and phone/fax numbers: "Phone: (989) 873-4419", "Fax: (989) 873-8123".

Lake Board Annual Public Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55

Lake Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 6, 2019
9:00 A.M.
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55

Looking for something to do?

Check out local area websites
for current activities.

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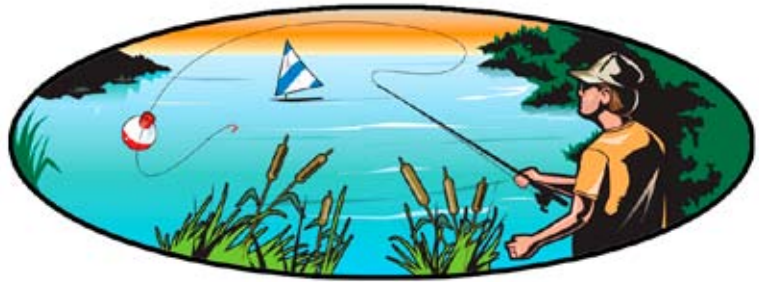
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Dues Notice

The 2019-2020 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$15 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, meeting refreshments and other events. Visit the web site at www.hardwoodlake.org. In the past, the lake association was instrumental in starting the lake weed control project and road dust control.

The newsletter is posted online in color.

Please send payment to:

Margo Dees, Secretary / Treasurer
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If you have questions call Margo at 248-625-5557 or email clamar1976@yahoo.com
or Association President, Kevin Ohlrogge at 248-202-8292 or email kevinohlrogge@aol.com

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